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NOTICE

New Changes to IRS Settlement Initiative

Following requests from several embassies, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced new changes to the Settlement Initiative for U.S.-based employees and former employees of foreign embassies, foreign consular offices, international organizations and Missions to the United Nations to resolve outstanding tax matters related to their employment.

The new changes include:

- An extension of the Settlement's participation deadline to June 30, 2007;
- Participants will not be required to provide tax year 2003 returns, and
- Participants with erroneously established Self Employment Individual Retirement Accounts (SEP IRA) plans will not be required to distribute amounts contributed to these accounts for tax years prior to the 2004 tax year.

Detailed information on this change can be reviewed at the following web address: http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,.id=167770,00.html.

Questions concerning the Settlement Initiative should be directed the IRS, via telephone (202) 874-1789 or electronic mail at embassy@irs.gov.